

Walker Instructions

The information presented is intended for general information and educational purposes. It is not intended to replace the advice of your health care provider and/or Physical Therapist. Contact your health care provider if you believe you have a health problem.

Walker Fitting

- 1. Stand up straight with your arms resting at your side.
- The walker height should be level with the bend in your wrists.
 Note: There should be a slight bend in your elbows (about 20º -30º) when holding onto the walker.

Safety Note:

• Ensure that all push pins are fully engaged and unrestricted.

To Open & Close

To Open

- 1. Pull each side open. Release button should click into place.
- Safety Note: Ensure walker release is fully engaged.

To Close

2. Push release button. Fold sides toward the walker.

Walking

- 1. Stand straight, do not hunch over.
- 2. Move the walker forward. Stay in the box (8" to the Front, 8" to the Rear).
- 3. Step FIRST with your WEAK leg.
- 4. Your **STRONG** leg goes **LAST**.

Safety Note:

- Place all 4 legs on the ground at one time.
- Do <u>not</u> rock from the back legs of the walker to the front.







Curbs

To go Up

- 1. Get the walker as close to the curb as possible.
- 2. Place the walker up on the curb with all 4 legs down flat on the ground.
- 3. Step up with the **STRONG** leg **FIRST**.
- 4. The **WEAK** leg comes up **LAST**.

To go Down

- 1. Get the walker as close to the edge of the curb as possible.
- 2. Place the walker down to the lower level.
- 3. Step **DOWN** with your **WEAK** leg.
- 4. Your STRONG leg comes down LAST.

Note: Remember the phrase: Up with Good, Down with Bad

Safety Tips

- Walkers are <u>not</u> recommended for use on stairs.
- Do <u>not</u> try to carry anything in your hands when using a walker. It is recommended to get a basket or bag to attach to the walker.
- Do <u>not</u> try to hold on to the walker when you stand up. It may tip over on you. Instead, push up from the surface you are sitting on.
- Do <u>not</u> lunge with a walker.
- Never run with a walker
- **Never** carry a walker and walk. A walker is used to assist with balance.
- Keep walker wheels to the outside of the walker. This will reduce trip hazards.
- Remove throw rugs from areas to be walked upon.